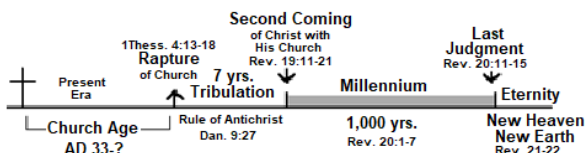


# Further Notes on the Times of Refreshing (Acts 3:19-21)

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## A. A Glorious Messianic Kingdom established!

1. **Satan bound** in the Abyss for 1,000 yrs. (Rev. 20:1-3).
2. **Jews & Gentiles surviving** Tribulation are purged of rebels. Only the **saved** of Israel & the Nations enter the Kingdom (Ez. 20:36-38, Matt. 25)!
3. The establishment of **Messiah's Throne** (Zech. 14:9, Dan. 7:27).
4. **Jerusalem exalted** (Mic. 4:1); Greater-Israel formed (Gen. 15:18-21).
5. Messiah's rule embraces the **entire Earth** (Ps. 2:8; Rev. 5:1-10).



## B. The Occupants of the Kingdom.

1. **The Governing Authorities** (Rev. 20:6); **glorified & immortal**.
  - a. The **glorified saints of the Church Age** (Raptured *prior* to the Tribulation (1Thss.4:15-17, 1Cor.15:50-52), returning *with* Christ (Rev.19:14).
  - b. **OT & Tribulation Era saints** (raised after the Tribulation, Dan.12:1-3).
2. **Their subjects**: believing **Jewish & Gentile survivors** of the Great Tribulation and the Sheep & Goats Judgment (Matt. 25:31-46).
  - >These enter the Kingdom in **mortal bodies** (and thus, procreate).

## C. WHY are the Temple & its sacrifices revived (Ezek. 40-48)?

1. There *will* be a **literal Temple**, with a literal Aaronic Priesthood!
2. A fulfillment of the **covenant promises** unto the sons of Aaron, Phinehas, & Zadok (Ex. 29:9, 40:15; Num. 25:13; 1Sam. 2:35; Jer. 33:17-22).
3. **But... why such revived animal sacrifices *post-Calvary*?**
  - a. **First**: animal sacrifices **can never** remove *spiritual* guilt (Heb.10:1-4,11); *only* the Blood of Christ can cleanse eternally & spiritually (Rom.3:25)!

b. Animal sacrifices in the Old Testament **were** efficacious, however, in regard to **external, ceremonial cleansing**—holding back the outbreak of the wrath of God upon the sinful nation in whose midst He was dwelling.

c. Ezekiel's millennial sacrifices are **similar** in this sense; God will again be dwelling, in His glory, amidst *unglorified, mortal, sinful* men in a Theocratic Commonwealth.

d. Such sacrifices will also serve as a powerful & graphic **reminder** of the Redemptive Work of the Lamb of God who shed His blood for us!

